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SUBJ: PRC IRRIGATION PROJECT IN GHANA

1. SUMMARY: FIFTEEN CHINESE IRRIGATION EXPERTS HAVE ARRIVED IN GHANA TO WORK ON A RICE IRRIGATION PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, 15 CHINESE IRRIGATION EXPERTS HAVE REACHED GHANA TO START WORK ON THE \$10.5 MILLION RICE IRRIGATION PROJECT AT AFIFE, VOLTA REGION. THIS IS FIRST BATCH OF 50 PRC ENGINEERS EXPECTED TO BE ASSIGNED TO PROJECT. IRRIGATION PROJECT HAS ALSO RECEIVED 32 TRUCKS, BULLDOZERS AND OTHER EARTH-MOVING MACHINERY FROM PRC. PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY GHANA AND CHINA ON MARCH 28, 1976; UNDER THE AGREEMENT, CHINA WILL BUILD A DAM, AND DEVELOP LAND FOR RICE CULTIVATION AND FOR A TRIAL CULTIVATION OF VEGETABLES.

3. EARLIER, WHEN A 7-MAN TECHNICAL TEAM FROM THE PROJECT CALLED ON COMMISSIONER (MINISTER) FOR AGRICULTURE COL. S.M. AKWAGYIRAM ON MARCH 16, HE PRAISED COOPERATION BETWEEN GHANA AND THE PRC, ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE. AKWAGYIRAM SAID GHANAIS ADMIRE THE CHINESE FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND PRACTICAL APPROACH TO PROBLEM-SOLVING. TEAM LEADER WAS IDENTIFIED IN PRESS

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AS CHANG CHI-CHEN; OTHER MEMBERS WERE HSING JI-MEI, LIANG KUEI-CHUN, CHAING TAO-CHIN, HO TA-YA, KING OZN-CHIANG AND CHEN JU-KAN.

4. COMMENT: PRC OFFICIALS KEEP A RELATIVELY LOW PROFILE HERE. THEIR ONLY OTHER PROJECT, ASIDE FROM THE IRRIGATION SCHEME, IS A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WITH GHANA SIGNED DECEMBER 22, 1976 TO SUPPLY A \$4.5 MILLION SPINNING MILL AT KPANDU. WE ESTIMATE

THERE ARE ABOUT 90 PRC ECONOMIC TECHNICIANS HERE NOW -- PERHAPS
55 AT AFIFE, 14 AT KPANDU AND 20 ELSEWHERE. POLITICALLY, THE
CHINESE ARE INACTIVE AND IN GENERAL DO NOT APPEAR TO BE MAKING
A BIG EFFORT IN GHANA AT THIS TIME. SMITH

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